

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

1. (original) An idler guide unit for a crawler type traveling apparatus, comprising a tapering block used to carry out a clearance regulating operation.

2. (currently amended) The idler guide unit according to ~~Claim~~ claim 1, wherein a position regulator for the tapering block is provided.

3. (new) A crawler type traveling apparatus, which comprises a track frame, an idler arranged at a front end of the track frame, a sprocket arranged at a rear end of the track frame, and a crawler winding around the idler and sprocket, and

the idler being secured to the track frame by an idler guide unit, the idler guide unit including upper and lower guides, and means for maintaining a clearance between the upper and lower guides, the means including a tapered block with a decreasing height arranged between the upper and lower guides.

4. (new) The idler guide unit according to claim 3, further including a position regulator for adjusting the height of the tapered block relative to the upper and lower guides.

5. (new) The idler guide unit according to claim 5, wherein the position regulator includes a grease cylinder.

6. (new) The idler guide unit according to claim 3, further including means for regulating a width clearance between the idler and the idler guide unit by use of shims of varying thicknesses.